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1. During the period from 9 through 15 August 1952, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik on Industriestrasse in Luckenwalde (N 52/Z 90) was only partially occupied by a rocket launcher unit. Details consisting of about 50 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery and some with motor transport insignia, were repeatedly seen marching from the installation to the swimming pool. [redacted] the bulk of the unit was stationed in a summer camp at the Jueterbog troop training grounds, about 3 km west-southwest of the Luckenwalde railroad station. (1)

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3. During the period from 11 through 15 August, Stalag I south of the road fork formed by the Luckenwalde-Frankenfelde and the Luckenwalde-Frankenfoerde roads still quartered an AAA unit equipped with 37-mm AA guns, and a repair shop unit. Four machine guns mounted on tripods for AA defense and 15 men were seen at the AAA emplacements in the northern portion of the billeting area. Trucks [redacted] were observed between the low temporary buildings. (2)
4. During the period from 11 through 14 August, only individual soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen in Stalag II west of Stalag I. Trucks [redacted] were also observed there. (3)

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6. During the period from 6 through 12 August, Stalag I south of the Luckenwalde-Frankenfoerde road was only lightly occupied by a unit whose soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]
7. During the period from 6 through 12 August, only individual soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at Stalag II west of Stalag I. Truck [redacted] left the installation. A fuel dump with five underground bunkers each about 3 x 6 meters was seen about 300 meters northwest of Stalag II. The dump was guarded by a sentry. (3)

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- During the period from 23 July through 1 August, observations in the vicinity of the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik on Industriestrasse:
- a. On Am Schieferling, (road), block of houses with 40 apartments had to be evacuated by the population. On 29 July, 60 new lieutenants and senior lieutenants moved into the evacuated quarters. these new officers entered and left the Maschinenfabrik together with the officers he had previously known. They entered the plant at 7 a.m. and left it at noon, reentered it at a(sic) p.m. and left again between 6 and 8 p.m. A total of 100 officers was counted daily. The commanding officer of the unit was a colonel. The only other field officer seen was a major.
- b. On 24 July, 20 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced firing with carbines at the target range. On 25 July, 40 officers practiced firing with pistols. Hundred men armed with carbines and carrying practice targets marched to the woods south of the billeting area. Firing was subsequently practiced there. On 27 July, 60 men without arms were drilling in three groups. On 28 July, 20 men were being trained with carbines. On 31 July, 30 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets threw practice hand grenades at the obstacle course.
9. During the period from 23 through 29 July, Stalag I quartered soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. 50 men marching to a gravel pit nearby for firing practices; 30 men doing sports; and a game of soccer watched by about 80 men. Vehicles were seen. (2)
10. During the period from 23 through 29 July, Stalag II quartered soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Thirty men were seen doing gymnastic exercises, and 100 men were observed marching to the wooded area south of the camp. The latter group was armed with carbines. On 31 July, truck and rocket launcher with 25 soldiers were seen in this wooded area. The soldiers practiced firing with rifles at practice target. Subsequently, heard firing with the rocket launcher. (3)
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12. On 14 and 15 August, at least 25 new trucks were seen parked in the yard of the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik on Industriestrasse. Jeep and trucks were seen leaving the installation. (1)
- Comments.
- (1) It is credible that the 91st Cds RL Regt, which is quartered in the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik, was training at the Jueterbog troop training grounds during the first half of August. However, the tent camp mentioned quartered artillery units of the Second Cds Wehr Army. The information contained in paragraph 6 of the present report presumably indicates that an officer training course was being given at the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik in July.
- (2) Stalag I apparently still quartered light AAA units of the 62d AAA Div (US) of the Third Cds Wehr Army and an electric repair shop of the 10th C. Paragraph 6 indicates that elements of the AAA unit may have been away for short field exercises.
- (3) Stalag II probably quartered an unidentified army troops of the Third Cds Wehr Army.
- (4)

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